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Welcome to the winter edition of SCENE

Thanks for flipping through the Winter issue of SCENE Magazine; why not settle in and spend a few moments with us. We've got lots to share about what's happening in Randwick City.

In June the Sydney Film Festival will screen a specially curated selection of films and documentaries at the Ritz Cinema in Randwick, proudly supported by Randwick Council. The program includes a whole host of films you wouldn't normally get to see, from all corners of the world, as well as revived classics and short films. Whatever your taste, the program will have something that appeals to even the harshest of critics. For film buffs this event is like Christmas, with 12 days of cinematic treats to feast their eyes on. Best of all, it's right here on your doorstep. So grab a bucket of popcorn and dive in!

We've also got some exciting news for those of you who embrace an active lifestyle – there are new pedestrian and cycle routes in the planning that will make getting around Randwick City much easier. We've also included all the roads and pathways in your area that will get an upgrade along with other highlights that will be delivered in the upcoming financial year as part of Council's Budget and Operational Plan. You can get involved and have your say too.

Finally, we have a chat with Gary Ella who has lived, worked and played in Randwick for most of his life and seen a lot of changes in that time. He has some great stories. I hope you enjoy them, and thanks for spending this time with us.

Lindsay Shurey
Mayor of Randwick



SAVE THE DATE

Randwick Community Race Day

Free entry for Randwick City Council
ratepayers & residents

Free children's entertainment including face painting,
pony rides, a jumping castle, a petting zoo
& so much more!

Royal Randwick Racecourse

Saturday 7 July

theATC.com.au/RCC2018



news in brief

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Smart Cities



Smart City strategy ensures Randwick City will be future ready

We're working on plans to be a smart city leader by developing a strategy that will make the most of emerging technologies. Wireless networks, the Internet of Things, big data, real time information, mobile applications and smart services will be considered to ensure our city is connected, competitive and creative, and to improve living and opportunity in Randwick.

New housing initiative to help break the cycle of domestic violence

Council is proposing to allocate some of its affordable housing homes to help local women and children break the cycle of domestic violence. The initiative will ensure more space can be freed up at emergency refuges by helping women and children to exit into medium-term accommodation. This follows a Council commitment to provide annual funding for the next five years to fund specialist outreach workers to work three days a week within the Randwick City area.

New Development Assessment Panel to meet monthly

An independent panel, known as the Randwick Development Assessment Panel (RDAP) will meet on the second Thursday of every month to determine Development Applications that are contentious, depart from standards greater than 10%, involve residential flat buildings with three storeys and four or more dwellings, or that represent a potential conflict of interest. The lodgement process and information required for development applications will remain unchanged.

Randwick Council is proud to support Sydney Film Festival for a second year

We're delighted to once again be a supporter of the Sydney Film Festival when it comes to the Randwick Ritz this June. The Sydney Film Festival is Australia's premier international film festival showcasing true stories of conflict, freedom, identity and passion. With more than 200 films showing across the Festival, there really is something for everyone. Catch the first films from 6 June, and keep an eye for an exclusive Randwick Council flick before the film starts!



Rescue tubes installed at Randwick City beaches

A rescue tube system, the first of its kind in Australia, has been installed at Randwick City beaches to reduce drownings during times a beach is not patrolled by Council Lifeguards. Twenty per cent of drownings are rescuers helping others. The Tube Unit Initiative is the first of its kind in Australia and was developed by South Maroubra Surf Lifesaving Club in conjunction with Council.

Review of bike share calls for State Government action as use increases

Mayors from six Inner Sydney councils are calling for immediate action from the NSW Government, with Councils eager to work with them to update legislation that is rapidly being outstripped by the emerging bike share industry. Inner West, Woollahra, Waverley, City of Sydney, Randwick City and City of Canada Bay Councils met at the beginning of April and agreed that while privately operated bike share is popular in Sydney, councils should work together to propose new state government legislation or regulation that can help commercial bike share schemes succeed without local communities bearing the costs.

Community voice on waste

Thank you to the hundreds of local residents who participated in Council's community consultation on our Waste Strategy 2017 – 2030. People gave our plan to increase recycling and reduce waste the thumbs up. Council will continue to explore new technology such as waste to energy as it becomes available to reduce our waste even further. Details: www.yoursayrandwick.com.au

Relief in sight for dual occupancy owners

Randwick Council is proposing to amend its Local Environmental Plan (LEP) to allow the subdivision of existing and approved attached dual occupancies. The move aims to create consistency with a new state-wide Low Rise Medium Density Code released by the NSW Government recently which takes effect from 6 July 2018. The amendment means that if you have an existing attached dual occupancy (or development consent issued prior to 6 July 2018) on a lot size of 450 sqm or more you may apply for strata subdivision provided certain conditions are met. Lots of 480 sqm or more may be eligible for Torrens title subdivision. Council must now seek the Department of Planning's consent to commence a public exhibition process of the proposed changes.



Rejection of developer levy is 'highly unusual'

The move by the NSW Government to reject a \$40M developer levy for Council's Kensington to Kingsford Planning Strategy has been described as 'highly unusual' by Mayor Lindsay Shurey. The Community Infrastructure Charge is proposed to deliver significant public improvements in the town centres including new green links, street trees and cycleways. Council is seeking a review of the Department's determination of its planning strategy by the Planning Assessment Commission.



Have your say on plans for second Anzac Parade Memorial

A 100-year legacy to build a second Memorial on Anzac Parade at the La Perouse end is one step closer with residents asked to share their ideas and stories on the project. The promise to build a second memorial was revived by Randwick resident and daughter of an Anzac, Margaret Hope, in conjunction with Council. Details: www.yoursayrandwick.com.au



Thumbs up

- Cycling in Randwick City
- Winter sunrises
- Christmas in July



Thumbs down

- Littering
- Forgetting your KeepCup
- Smoking at the beach

That's a lot of bins!

41,585
garbage bins collected each week

42,358
recycling bins collected each fortnight

31,010
green waste bins collected each fortnight

How our feet can shape our city

Randwick Council is taking back the streets so people can move around our suburbs with less reliance on cars. It's time for pedestrians, cyclists and everyone in between to have their space too! Our Cycle Strategy outlines the various ways we intend to get there.
Words: Chelsea Hunter



Artist impression of potential cycleway on Doncaster Ave, Kensington

Walking and cycling within Randwick City is about more than getting from point A to point B, it's about actively engaging with the beautiful area we live in. Randwick City Council is committed to improving our streets and making them easier and nicer to walk and cycle along.

Randwick Council's Cycle Strategy, which was developed in 2015 after consultation with the community, outlines the various routes that have been earmarked for upgrades.

One of these, the Centennial Park to Kingsford route, has been identified as a high priority. The 2.4km route will connect with existing cycleways in Centennial Park and provide easy access through Kensington to the new Kingsford light rail terminus. Design

plans will soon be on exhibition for the community to provide feedback.

The improvements planned for this and other routes to come, are designed to inspire people to explore alternatives to hopping in the car to get to school, the shops, playgrounds or public transport.

Encouraging people to pull on their walking shoes or hop on a bike will reduce pressure on our roads and buses, will cut pollution and improve the life, health and wellbeing of those who embrace the self-propelled modes of transport.

"It's time to make it easier for people to walk or ride," said Mayor Lindsay Shurey. "We're adopting a people-first approach. I think the results will create lovelier public spaces and encourage more foot traffic on our streets."

The cycleways will be separated from pedestrian pathways and roads. Increased pedestrian crossings and safer intersections will provide ease of flow and peace of mind for those walking in high traffic areas.

Council will look for ways to minimise any loss of parking or vegetation and introduce as much greenery as possible. In total, the route will see new trees added to the landscape, and new garden beds created with plants specifically chosen to improve the look and health of our environment.

These routes, separated from cars but connected to existing cycleways, are not only ideal for commuters getting into the city, but for parents who want the opportunity to get their kids to school quickly and safely and shoppers who want to pop down to the shops along Anzac Pde.

The cycle strategy reflects a cultural shift towards more sustainable modes of transport, and it's one that will see us zipping easily and safely into the future.



Plans for the Centennial Park to Kingsford route will be on display and available for public comment at www.yoursayrandwick.com.au



2019 Budget delivers big on community infrastructure

Randwick City Council's 2018-19 draft Budget has been released and it's set to deliver a sizable \$70M in new community initiatives, programs and activities. Words: Joshua Hay.

The draft Budget and Operational Plan outlines Council's proposed activities and expenditure and fees and charges for the next financial year and is on public exhibition for community comment from 1 May to 1 June 2018.

Council's finances are in a good position with total operating revenue of \$157M and compliance with all seven of the State Government required financial indicators.

The community-focused Budget is set to deliver some significant projects including 4.9km of road upgrades, 3km of new and improved footpaths, a new Gymnastics and Indoors Sports Centre, a Cultural Centre, two major playground upgrades, undergrounding powerlines and various building and public toilet upgrades at La Perouse, Malabar, Yarra Bay and Maroubra.

The 2018-19 Budget is the first year of Council's proposed Our Community Our Future program which was widely consulted with the community and is currently awaiting final determination from the Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal which is expected in mid-May.

Randwick Mayor Lindsay Shurey said the Budget is responsible and progressive.

"This Budget delivers for the community what we promised. We're continuing our tradition of responsible and sound financial practices and getting on with the business of providing the community with top quality services, facilities and programs.

"I'm particularly excited to be investing in our arts and local culture with design work to start on upgrading the La Perouse Museum and creating a new Cultural Centre at Blenheim House in Randwick as well as new public art.

"I'm also pleased we are taking responsible steps to address domestic violence with an innovative strategy to support women exiting crisis accommodation and entering into medium term accommodation.

"There's also significant investment in sustainability and the environment with a boardwalk extension planned at the Randwick Environment Park, stormwater harvesting and a new tree management system," Mayor Shurey said.

What will it cost you?

Council has applied to the Independent Pricing & Regulatory Tribunal for a Special Rate Variation of 7.64% to Council's total rate base for 2018-19. If approved, this would result in residential rates increasing by 5.52% in 2018-19 which for the average ratepayer paying about \$1,223 a year is an increase of \$64.

The cost of collecting your rubbish, recycling, green waste and providing four clean-up services per household per year will increase by \$14 to \$568 per year.

Have your say

The 2018-19 draft Budget & Operational Plan is on public exhibition for community comment from 1 May to 1 June 2018. Have your say and view the documents at www.yoursayrandwick.com.au/budget2019 or view hard copies at Council's Customer Service Centre and libraries.



What's planned for your suburb

Chifley

- New shelters at Chifley Sports Reserve baseball field
- New & upgraded footpaths: Burke St & Hume St
- Road works: Forrest St.

Clovelly

- Clovelly Road Streetscape Upgrade design works
- Drainage investigation, Burnie Lane
- Fred Hollows Reserve / Alison Rd drainage works
- Improved disability access to Clovelly Surf Club
- Road works: Clovelly Rd.

Coogee and South Coogee

- Grandstand amenities upgrade and scoreboard replacement at Coogee Oval
- Drainage works, Carrington Road & Dolphin St
- Playground upgrade, Grant Reserve
- Archery building storage upgrade, Latham Park
- Footpath upgrades: Carrington Rd, St Luke St, Coogee Bay Rd, Neptune St, Dundas St, Garie Pl, Denning St, Malabar Rd & Gregory St
- Road works: Yamba Place, Carrington Rd, Moverly Rd, Gregory St & Uralla Place.

Kensington

- Playground upgrade at Kokoda Memorial Park
- Footpath upgrades: Mooramie Ave, Anzac Pde, Balfour Rd, Goodwood St & Carlton St
- Road works: Koorinda Ave
- Undergrounding powerlines and new smart poles along Anzac Pde light rail route
- Planning for walking and cycling improvements including new separated cycleway connecting with Kingsford light rail terminal.

Kingsford

- Walking and cycling improvements including new separated cycleway connecting Kingsford light rail terminal
- A new public plaza at Meeks St
- New & upgraded footpaths: Botany St & Marville Ave
- Undergrounding powerlines and new smart poles along Anzac Pde light rail route.

La Perouse and Phillip Bay

- Initial design works for La Perouse Museum and public toilet upgrade
- Bicentennial Park toilet upgrade
- Playground upgrade at Frenchman's Bay
- Frenchman's Bay boardwalk upgrade
- Footpath upgrades: Elaroo Ave, Murrong Pl & Adina Ave
- Road works: Adina Ave.

Little Bay

- Coastal Walkway extension around golf course planning
- Footpath upgrade: Anzac Pde
- Road works: Woomera Rd.

Malabar

- Public toilets upgrade at Malabar Junction
- Offshore Jet Rescue Boat storage facility upgrade
- Wheelchair matting at Malabar Beach to increase accessibility
- Malabar Ocean Rock Pool concrete repairs and pump replacement
- Road works: Howe St & Prince Edward St.

Maroubra

- New indoor sports centre and gymnastics centre in Heffron Park on Bunnerong Road
- New amenities at Mahon Pool including new toilets, changerooms and club house (no café)
- Mahon Pool concrete repairs
- Stormwater Harvesting at Maroubra Beach
- Playground upgrade, Maroubra Beach
- New goal posts and fencing at Heffron Park
- New synthetic cricket pitch and fencing at Snape Park
- Footpath upgrades: Henning Ave, Duncan St, Hereward St, Bell St, Maroubra Rd, Parer St, Ulm St, Moverly Rd & Malabar Rd
- Road works: Yorktown Pde, Byrne Ave & Bell St
- Des Renford Leisure Centre pool pump and building works.

Matraville

- New & upgraded footpaths: Messines Pl, Moona Ave, Shirley Cres, Moorina Ave, Botany Rd, Partanna Ave, Murrabin Ave, Australia Ave, Harold St, Kemp Ave, Raymond Ave & Waterton Ave
- Road works: Raymond Ave, Meehan Lne & Anzac Pde.

Randwick

- Undergrounding powerlines at The Spot town centre
- Air conditioning, heating and WHS works to Randwick Town Hall & Administration Building
- New cultural centre at Blenheim House
- Environment Park boardwalk extension
- Irrigation upgrade, Paine Reserve
- Creation of new public plaza at Waratah Ave
- Footpath upgrades: King St, Evans St, Darley Rd, Carrington Rd, Glebe St, Glen Ave, Rae St, Albert St, Oberon St, Lion St, Avoca St, Clovelly Rd & Belmore Rd
- Road works: Prince Lne, Oberon St, Carrington Rd, Centennial Ave, High St, Bella St, Lion Lne, Arthur Lne, Frances Lne, Power Lne, Glebe St, Church St, Albi Pl & Belmore Rd.



Cody Walker and young Rabbitohs fans

Improving young lives through sport

They're the two biggest footy teams in the Eastern Suburbs and their home games attract thousands of young fans, but thanks to their Council-backed community outreach programs, the Roosters and the Rabbitohs are able to improve the lives of those that idolise them. Words: Lauren Hockey.

It's the most documented rivalry the eastern suburbs has ever seen, and said to be the fiercest in the NRL. The Roosters and the Rabbitohs are the only foundation clubs left in a league first founded over 100 years ago, so there's been plenty of time for the rivalry to run deep.

Both clubs have their roots in Randwick City. Following a Council consultation in 2014 that surveyed the community as to where the respective Club banners should fly, Roosters territory exists north of Alison Road, with Rabbitohs territory anything south of this.

Despite the two NRL behemoths being at loggerheads, Council works closely with both teams to ensure the impact

in the community is keenly felt by those that need it most. Tickets to home games are given to local schools to be used as a reward to students for positive behaviour and attendance at school, a vital incentive to keep youngsters engaged with education.

"A close working partnership with both teams means we can encourage and incentivise disadvantaged groups to get involved in their community," says Mayor Lindsay Shurey. "The players set an example and help young people to start out on a better road to education and eventually, employment."

Coaching clinics also provide opportunities for students to meet and learn from their idols.

Both the Rabbitohs and the Roosters invest heavily in community partnerships.

Souths Cares is the charity arm of the South Sydney Rabbitohs and was established in 2006 as an independent, public benevolent institution. Souths Cares run five community programs with the aim of supporting



Cooper Cronk from Sydney Roosters

disadvantaged and marginalised youth and their families. One of these programs is Nanga Mai Marri, which translates to 'Dream Big' in the traditional Aboriginal language of the Gadigal people. The program is about supporting Aboriginal high school students to develop high aspirations for their education and employment and mentoring students to achieve these goals. It has achieved some outstanding results with Year 11 and 12 Indigenous students from schools such as Matraville Sports High School and South Sydney High School, with more than 91% of participants in the program successfully gaining their HSC, putting them well on the road to extremely successful and rewarding careers.

Meanwhile the Roosters kicked off the 2018 season by visiting local primary schools to deliver messages of wellbeing and anti-bullying as part of their annual Community Carnival. NRL Superstars Cooper Cronk, Dylan Napa, Mitchell Aubusson and Joseph Manu paid a visit to students at Kensington Public School to talk about the importance of supporting classmates.

Last year, the club introduced the Leadership, Mentoring and Work Experience program led by NRL star Anthony Minichiello. The program is designed to inspire high school students to define their ambitions and career goals and put the steps in place to achieve them. By harnessing the popularity of the Roosters team, students are educated about the importance of having a dream and how to work towards their goals and aspirations.

"Many of these kids idolise the players and spend hours watching them at the top of their game. For the players to then turn up at their school and talk about their day, the importance of an education and making the right choices makes a huge impact," continues Mayor Shurey. "It's an invaluable partnership and one we hope to continue for years to come."



Top of his game

Gary Ella is a proud Yuin and Bidjigal man and has had a successful career in Rugby Union, the Sydney Olympic Games and, more recently, at Randwick Council. Lauren Hockey spoke to him about his memories of growing up in La Perouse and the importance of community.





I grew up in La Perouse and have always considered it home. Back then, there were wharves on the beach, where the boats would come in. We'd make our pocket money by diving off the wharf to retrieve coins thrown in by the tourists. There were a lot more fishermen in the bay then, too. They'd go out looking for a catch after stormy weather as the fish were more active.

My father was a fisherman and part of the Sydney clan, and my mother was from Nowra on the South Coast. When they first met, mum and dad moved up and down the coastline with the different seasons, eventually settling in Phillip Bay in Sydney when they were offered permanent jobs. Their life was very typical of Aboriginal families – mostly camping on farms and in the bush, moving around with the seasons.

I have 11 siblings, and back then, kids were always outdoors – our parents sent us out first thing in the morning and expected us back as soon as the first lights came on in the house.

I first played for the Wallabies as an amateur rugby union player in 1978. We'd be touring for up to 14 weeks at a time and had an allowance of 8 pounds a day, which probably got you a few beers. I represented Australia six times between 1982 and 1988, which was a very proud time for me.

After that I was sent to work in Bourke in rural NSW for the Department of Aboriginal Affairs. Most of the projects were health or employment-based, but we were also ensuring the infrastructure in these communities – water supply, housing construction, roads – were sound and weatherproof.

There have been some pretty amazing moments in my career. I joined the Sydney Olympic Games Organising Committee (SOCOG) as Program Manager in 1997 and was responsible for managing projects that included Aboriginal components, such as the torch relay. I visited Uluru often and worked with the communities there to ensure the start of the torch relay was respectful of Indigenous culture. I also worked on youth camps, the opening and closing ceremonies, and merchandising. We were busy, but there was the opportunity to go and watch sport – at one point I was watching the Olympic Boxing Final sitting next to Evander Holyfield!

I coached the Galloping Greens for 10 years before joining Council in 2015 as Coordinator Community Development. We assess where the gaps are in community services and help the community to understand what is available to them – be it seniors, youth, Aboriginal or multicultural communities. The great thing about working here is it's very local, and there's the opportunity to really build relationships with the community.

I have fond memories of La Perouse and the Yarra Bay Bushtucker Trail – a lot of the artwork was done by my brothers or cousins. We'd sit at the Bay eating pig faces and waiting for the fish to come in on the boats. Once it arrived, you'd cook it over the camp fire – it doesn't happen like that anymore.

Long gone

Looking at these photos one has to wonder, is it time to wave hello to the longboard again?

It's been 50 years since the longboard was the hot item on the beach at Maroubra. Shorter, lighter surfboards saw the 9ft Malibus, usually made of plywood, fall out of fashion in surfing contests around 1968. Walking the plank and hanging ten gave way to a more acrobatic style of surfing and longboarding became something only old, salty surfers did.

But judging by these photos, and this generation's passion for all things vintage, it may be time to see a resurgence in the Rolls Royce of boards (so called for its effortless glide, if not for its manoeuvrability).

It's good to remember that longboards aren't just for those who chased the waves in the sixties. They're ideal for novices because they require less effort when paddling out to sea and they catch waves better.

So let's take a bit of inspiration from these photos donated to Randwick City Library by author and Des Renford lifeguard Mark Scott and stand tall in front of longboards again.



**SYDNEY
FILM
FESTIVAL**
6-17 JUNE 2018

Sydney Film Festival returns to The Ritz Cinema 6-17 June!

Australia's premier international film festival is back with 2018's award-winning features, documentaries and family films. 2017's inaugural presentations were a hit with locals; including the world premiere of Australian indie success, *Ali's Wedding*.

Following last year's sold out sessions, Randwick's iconic art deco cinema will host an even bigger program – **stay tuned for the full program launch on Wednesday 9 May.**

Sign up to the **SFF eNews** at sff.org.au to be first to hear about screenings, parties and filmmaker guests – and to ensure you don't miss out on tickets.

You can also save between \$40 and \$200 by purchasing your multi-ticket Flexipass now for 10, 20 or 30 tickets.

Randwick City Council is a proud supporter of Sydney Film Festival.



WHAT'S ON June – July 2018

FRI 1

JUNE

KOOJAY CORROBOREE

10.00am – 2.00pm

Coogee Beach

Cost: Free



SAT 2

JUNE

FREE MULCH FOR
RANDWICK RESIDENTS

10.00am – 1.00pm

Randwick City Council Works Depot
Top Yard, 192 Storey Street, Maroubra

Cost: Free

THU 7

JUNE

ENERGY SAVING IN
WINTER WORKSHOP

6.00pm

Lionel Bowen Library, Maroubra

Cost: Free



FRI 8

JUNE

BEST GRIN AWARDS CEREMONY
AND ECO TRIVIA NIGHT

6.00pm

Randwick Community Centre,

27 Munda Street

Cost: Free

SAT 7

JULY

RANDWICK COMMUNITY RACE DAY

Royal Randwick Racecourse

Gates open 11am

Cost: Free to residents



SAT 7

JULY

THE SPIRITS OF PRINCE HENRY
TWILIGHT TOUR

6.30pm – 10pm

Prince Henry Nursing and
Medical Museum, Little Bay

\$20 entry

SAT 14

JULY

BASTILLE DAY

10.00am – 1.00pm

La Perouse Monument

Cost: Free



FRI 20

JULY

TWILIGHT CONCERTS – GEORGE DOUKAS
AND THE 'D' STRINGS

7.00pm – 8.00pm

Randwick Town Hall

Tickets from \$20



SAT 29

JULY

BEACH BREAKS CARNIVAL

12.00pm – 4.30pm

Maroubra Beach

Cost: Free

For more information on events visit www.randwick.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 722 542

FREE EVENT

KOOJAY CORROBOREE

Friday 1 June 2018

**Coogee Beach
10am-2pm**

Corroboree starts at **12 noon**

Witness Coogee Beach come to life as Aboriginal dancers interpret Dreamtime through traditional and contemporary dance, music and costume.

Experience a ceremonial Corroboree and join us in taking the next steps in our nation's reconciliation journey.